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lization, Dr. Bethune thought, went to confirm the Mosaic history. He also referred to the reasoning in the first chapter of the epistle to the Romans, to show that his view was that taken by the apostle Paul. He also hoped to investigate the subject farther and communicate the result in form.

Pending nominations, from No. 197 to 202, were read.

The requisite number of qualified voters not being present, the balloting for members was postponed.

*Stated Meeting, November 5.*

Present, twenty-two members.

Dr. CHAPMAN, President, in the Chair.

Letters were received and read:—

From the President of the Corporation of the University in Cambridge, Mass., dated Harvard College, Cambridge, 28th July, 1847, acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of this Society:—and,

From His Excellency George Bancroft, dated U. S. Legation, London, 4th October, 1847, announcing a donation to the Society.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Transactions of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Vol. XVI. Part III. Edinburgh, 1847. 4to.—*From the Society.*

Transactions of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Vol. XVII. Part II. Containing the Makerstoun Magnetical and Meteorological Observations for 1843. Edinburgh, 1847. 4to.—*From the same.*

Proceedings of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Vol. II. Nos. 29 and 30. 1846–47. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society of London. Vol. VII. June 11, 1847. No. 16. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

The Quarterly Journal of the Geological Society of London. Edited by the Assistant Secretary. No. 11. August 1st, 1847. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

The African Repository and Colonial Journal. Vol. XXIII. November, 1847. No. 11. 8vo.—*From the American Colonization Society.*

The Annals and Magazine of Natural History, including Zoology, Botany, and Geology. Vol. XX. Sept. 1847. No. 132. 8vo. *From Sir Wm. Jardine, Bart.*

Twenty-ninth Congress, 1st Session, House of Representatives. War Department. Document, No. 211. Letter from the Secretary of War, relative to the Mineral Lands on Lake Superior, accompanied with a Map. 8vo.—*From the Hon. G. M. Dallas.*

An Attempt to Discover some of the Laws which govern Animal Torpidity and Hibernation. By Peter A. Browne, LL.D. 8vo.

#### ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY BY PURCHASE.

Astronomische Nachrichten. Nos. 605, 606, 607, 608 and 609. 4to.

Dr. Patterson read a letter from A. D. Bache, LL.D., dated U. S. Coast Survey Station, near Berwick, on the subject of a certain method of determining the sun's parallax, proposed by Dr. Gerling of Masburg, and the memorial by Lieut. Gillis upon the subject.

And upon motion, the papers upon the subject were referred to a Committee, consisting of Dr. Patterson, Mr. McCulloh, and Prof. Kendall.

Pending nominations, from No. 197 to 202, were read.

Mr. Ord moved the adoption of a substitute for chapter 1, section 10, of the Laws of the Society.

The subject was, according to the Laws of the Society, laid over until the next stated meeting.

And on motion of Judge Kane, the Librarian was requested to give notice that the enacting of laws will be part of the business of that meeting.

On motion of Judge Kane, Mr. F. Peale, one of the Curators, was authorized to withdraw from the cabinet, for a period not exceeding ten days, the manuscript of the Declaration of Independence, the Jefferson Chair, and the portrait of Mr. Jefferson, for the purpose of placing them for that time in the collection about to be opened for exhibition at the hall of the Musical Fund Society, for the benefit of the society.

On motion of Mr. G. Washington Smith, the Librarian, and Curator, Mr. Peale, were authorized to take measures for the preservation of the MSS. of the Declaration of Independence.

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*Stated Meeting, November 19.*

Present, twenty-three members.

Dr. CHAPMAN, President, in the Chair.

A letter was received and read:—

From the Perpetual Secretary of the Royal Academy of Sciences and Belles-Lettres of Brussels, dated Brussels, 8th October, 1847, acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings and Transactions of this Society.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

The American Journal of Science and Arts. Second Series. No. 12. November, 1847. 8vo.—*From the Editors.*

The Annals and Magazine of Natural History, including Zoology, Botany, and Geology. Vol. XX. No. 133. October, 1847. 8vo.—*From Sir Wm. Jardine, Bart.*

The Medical News and Library. Vol. V. November, 1847. No. 59. 8vo.—*From Messrs. Lea & Blanchard.*

An Address delivered before the Chester County Horticultural Society, at West Chester, Pa. September 10, 1847. By Wm. H. Dillingham. 8vo.—*From the Chester County Horticultural Society.*

Address delivered at the opening of the New Hall of the Athenæum of Philadelphia, on Monday, October 18, 1847. By Thomas I. Wharton, Esq. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

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The London, Edinburgh, and Dublin Philosophical Magazine, and Journal of Science. Third Series. No. 208. October, 1847. 8vo.